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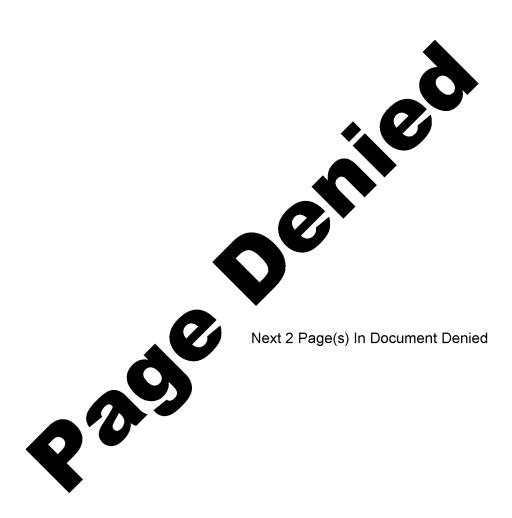
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1 USSR.  2. (S/D) Construction of the when sheet piling and reinform area at reporting positions (RP) to a portion of the quay and extensive	forcement bars were emplaced to street, 7, and 8.1 Since 1977, concrete paving dredging has been done next to the qual large traveling gantry crane (Figure 1975).	ngthen and enlarge the quay ng slabs have been placed on uay.	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
The sliding arm support structure over-water reach of the crane is from a transporter/erector and load	This crane will probably ad them aboard submarines.	above the quay. The y be used to remove missiles	25X1 25X1
a load simulator was obs	components for a rail-mounted assembly of the transporter/erector serving the facility was completed be erved being carried on the transport This load simulator was similar to the lity D Figure 2), when	r components had been com- etween	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
5. (S/D) On an NE-04-associated 19-meter railcar was on the rail spur leading to the gantry crane (Figure 1). A similar railcar has been seen at construction hall 3 at Severodvinsk Shipyard 402, where the Typhoon nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) is under construction, and at Nenoksa Naval Missile Test Center Launch Facility D. By the railcar had been positioned in tandem with the transporter/erector. On procedures for transferring a missile from the railcar to the transporter/erector were being tested. The gantry crane was over the railcar and transporter/erector, and a probable missile handling collar was upright on the transporter/erector.			25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 <sub>1</sub>
and loading the SS-NX-17, also ferred from the railcar to the treby the crane, positioned over transporter has an erecting mechanic.  7. (S/D) The presence of the improvements all suggest that the	for handling the NE-04 appear similar of a solid fuel missile (Figure 3). Once an an any other the submarine and loaded into the anism similar to that on the transported the NE-04-associated equipment, the near is facility will be used for NE-04 supports the N	the NE-04 has been trans- be erected and then picked up tubes. The SS-NX-17 missile er/erector seen on the rail spur ew gantry crane, and the quay oport for the Typhoon SSBN.	
However, this facility could be us	ed to support other platforms and syste	ems.	25X1
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